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TO: The Director

FROM: GACarver, Jr.

Executive Register

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SUBJECT: Unfinished Business

REMARKS:

1. The Ross Terrill "article" that Senator Symington was referring to at the Stennis Committee session is actually a two-part piece that appeared in the Atlantic Monthly's issues of November '71 and January '72.

2. The historical allegation concerning Dulles and Chou which Symington asked about is made on page 41 of the second article (as noted by the green ink margin mark). Sid Bearman is certain that some such incident occurred though he is not sure that it took place precisely as Terrill describes it. Bearman is running a check to see what other references to this occasion his associates can locate.

3. Though extremely long, the Terrill pieces are quite well written and probably worth your perusing over a drink at home some evening.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Answer to Request by Senator Symington

1. In a piece for Atlantic Monthly on Chinese foreign policy Ross Terrill related a story concerning John Foster Dulles' refusal to shake Chou En-lai's hand when both were at the Geneva talks in 1954. Senator Symington asked whether this is an historically accurate account.

2. The account that Terrill gives is essentially the same story that Chou En-lai told Edgar Snow in 1960. Snow's account of the conversation can be found in his book The Other Side of the River, pages 94-95 in the 1961 edition. The fact that Dulles refused to shake Chou's hand is accepted by scholars of Chinese history; there is no reason to believe that Chou was lying or embellishing the truth when he told Snow of the incident. In addition, it was widely rumored at the time that some such incident had occurred. Kenneth T. Young, who was a member of the State Department delegation that went to the negotiations in Geneva in 1954, mentions the incident on page 36 of his book Negotiating With The Chinese Communists when he discusses the atmosphere that existed between the two delegations.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: *George Cawer*

George: ✓

*Thought you might
like to see the little
thing that went forward
on the Synington request*

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